



## **National Secretariat Against Hate and Racism in Canada** **(NSAHRC)**

### **Minutes of Meeting** **January 7, 2005**

**Present:** Karen Mock, Sandra Carnegie Douglas, Avvy Go, Anita Bromberg, Michael Kerr, Mannie Dick, Dianne Corbierre

**Regrets:** Mark Stevenson, Margaret Parsons, Margaret Froh, Soni Dasmohapatra

#### **1) Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes were amended to delete reference to particular MPs noted on agenda item #2, Aboriginal Appointments to the Supreme Court of Canada.

#### **2) Business Arising from the Minutes:**

##### **a. Aboriginal Appointments to the Courts:**

Members reviewed the decisions taken at the previous meeting and were informed that the IBA will meet with Justice Minister on January 21, 2005 to discuss this issue. It was suggested that the NSAHRC should request to meet the Justice Minister on March 6, 2005.

In terms of a champion for this issue, it was agreed that the Justice Minister has been playing this role and should be encouraged to continue doing so.

***Actions Required: (1) Members will take the NSAHRC position on Aboriginal appointments to their organizations and report back at next meeting what actions will be taken (2) Dianne will write a letter to Minister Cotler on the NSAHRC positions on Aboriginal appointments and racial profiling. She will request an opportunity to meet with him in early March; and (3) Members will bring to next meeting a list of MPs and senators for the NSAHRC to lobby on the above positions.***

**b. Position on Racial Profiling:**

The draft position on racial profiling was reviewed and modified. The NSAHRC will provide information regarding any hearings or consultations on either private members legislation on racial profiling or the Anti-Terrorism Act.

***Action Required: (1) The revised position on racial profiling will be posted on the website; and (2) Members will discuss actions to implement the position at the next meeting.***

**c. Race-Based Statistics in Education:**

The importance of this issue was discussed in terms of monitoring the success of students in primary and secondary schools and in terms of providing resources to ensure an equitable outcome for all students, particularly taking into consideration discrimination and disadvantage based on race or Aboriginal status.

In this regard, members agreed to discuss a position on this matter. This position will take into consideration the importance of collecting such data, the sensitivity around collecting data and maintaining privacy as well as using the data for anti-racist and equity objectives. It will also take into consideration the importance of educating elected officials (trustees) as well as parents and communities so that tensions on this can be reduced and support for it enhanced.

***Action Required : Charles will draft a position on race-based statistics and education (and other public services)***

**3) Name of Group:**

It was suggested that the name of the group be changed to National Secretariat Against Hate and Racism Canada (NSAHRC). All agreed.

**4) Youth Issues and Representation:**

As this issue was raised by the representative of CASSA, it was deferred to the next meeting.

**5) Grant Proposal To Funders:**

Grant proposals are now being drafted to submit to funders to continue the work of the group based on the actions discussed and agreed upon in the previous meetings.

**6) Posting Information on the Website:**

NSAHRC minutes are now posted on the IBA website and all approved minutes will be posted. It was felt that transparency is critical to the credibility of the NSAHRC.

At the end of each meeting, members will discuss what will go on the website. Members are also encouraged to forward information from their own organizations to post on the website as well.

**7) Schedule of Meetings:**

**The next meeting will be on Friday, January 28, 1-2:30 p.m. EST.**

**Regular meetings will be the last Friday of the month from 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

**If members have items they wish to place on the agenda, they are to contact Charles via email ([charlescsmith@sympatico.ca](mailto:charlescsmith@sympatico.ca)) or phone (416-924-3827)**